



New Hampshire Veterans Home

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**AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER'S PROJECT RAISES \$9,482 FOR
NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME BENEFIT FUND
Fundraising effort will enable construction of American Legion Family Park**

TILTON, NH – March 21, 2006 – The New Hampshire Veterans Home (“NHVH”) was pleased to welcome Members of the American Legion who presented a check in the amount of \$9,482 to the NHVH Benefit Fund. The donation will be used to construct the American Legion Family Park in an area adjacent to the NHVH picnic pavilion.

“Each year, the State Commander selects a charitable project that he will support during his term in office. Commandant Barry Conway and I selected a project that would benefit our veterans and continue the American Legion tradition of supporting the NHVH picnic pavilion area,” explained William Hooley, Past Department Commander for the State of New Hampshire 2004-2005.

Members of the American Legion from throughout the Granite State contributed money for the original construction of the picnic pavilion in 1989 and have subsequently supported expansion efforts as well as a variety of equipment. Most recently, members of the American Legion Post #7 in Rochester also supported Commander Hooley’s project by donating a new, stainless steel grill.

“The project was a group effort made possible by members of the Department, Detachment and Auxiliary who collectively raised nearly \$12,000 in monetary and in kind donations. The American Legion Family is pleased to lend its support to our fellow veterans,” Hooley explained.



Photo Caption

Members of the American Legion recently visited the New Hampshire Veterans Home to present a donation in the amount of \$9,482.00 that will be used to construct the American Legion Family Park in the area adjacent to the home's picnic pavilion. Pictured from left are Steve Pickens, Alternate National Executive Committeeman – Sons of the American Legion Detachment of NH; Joyce Flanders, Past President American Legion Auxiliary – State of NH; Barry E. Conway, NHVH Commandant and William Hooley, Past Commander – Department of NH.

About the New Hampshire Veterans Home

The New Hampshire Veterans Home ("NHVH") was initially established in Tilton in 1890 as the Soldier's Home for Civil War Veterans. Today, the modern facility in its countryside setting is home to men and women who have served their country and fellow New Hampshire citizens. The mission of

NHVVH is to provide high quality, professional long-term care services to the Granite State's elderly and disabled veterans. NHVVH is the only long-term care facility in the Granite State that is dedicated exclusively to veterans.

As a professional health care provider, NHVVH offers a full range of services including residential, medical/dental and nursing care as well as physical/occupational therapy, recreation, and dietary and social services. Chapel services, exercise groups, arts and crafts, shopping trips, live entertainment and various community outings support residents' quality of life. NHVVH also offers inter-generational programs and animal-assisted recreational therapy.

Dedicated staff members work in partnership with volunteers from surrounding communities and numerous veteran service organizations to enrich our residents' lives. NHVVH recently opened the 100-person Life Enhancement Dementia Unit to serve the long-term care needs of veterans who suffer from Alzheimer's and other related memory impairment disorders. The facility addition will enable NHVVH to provide comprehensive long-term care services to a total of 250 Residents.

Additional information is available online at our website www.nh.gov/veterans

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